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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR UK COUNCIL

Jonathan Till has been appointed chairman of the IPAF UK Country Council. He succeeds Ben Hirst, who has stood down after more than four years in the role. Till is the owner and managing director of UK rental company GTAccess and has spent the entirety of his career in the equipment rental industry with GTAccess and its predecessors.

Till said: "I am delighted to take over as chairman of the UK Country Council and to continue the good work of the previous chairman, Ben Hirst. The UKCC has an important role to play in advising IPAF of UK priorities and representing all members, and I look forward to working closely with them and the IPAF team to that end."

Hirst added: "I've been immensely proud to serve on the UKCC and to work alongside such a committed and thoughtful group of people. I genuinely believe we've made a positive impact on the industry during my time involved."



Jonathan Till

MCWP & HOIST REPRESENTATIVE

John Joe Magee has been appointed IPAF global Mast Climbing Work Platform and hoist representative. Magee is an experienced mast climber and hoist instructor having also played a key role in industry development through his involvement in IPAF's UK and Ireland MCWP and hoist working groups.

Magee succeeds Angel Ibáñez, who has left the company after more than eight years to take up a new role closer to his hometown of Zaragoza in Spain.

Ibáñez said: "This has been the most rewarding stage of my professional life, and I am proud to have contributed to making the lift industry a safer one."

Magee added: "Building on the significant progress made under Angel's leadership, my focus will be on continuing to provide members with high-quality service, promoting active engagement, and supporting growth across all regions."



John Joe Magee

NEIL RUDDOCK TO SPEAK AT ELEVATION UK

IPAF's annual Elevation UK event will take place on July 1st at the Hilton St George's Park, north of Birmingham, where former Liverpool and West Ham footballer Neil 'Razor' Ruddock will speak at the evening event.

Razor, a former Premier League defender for Liverpool and West Ham, is now a motivational speaker, sharing his story of overcoming health challenges and transforming his life. The night will also feature entertainment, while the World Cup will be on screen throughout the evening (fixtures and timings to be confirmed).

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.ipaf.org/elevation>



Neil 'Razor' Ruddock

FRAUD & THEFT SEMINAR

IPAF has hosted an online seminar to discuss fraud and theft prevention in the powered access and equipment rental markets with experts on insurance, law enforcement, and industry security.

The session - hosted by IPAF's Richard Whiting - focused on practical ways companies can reduce their exposure to financial and operational losses caused by fraud and theft.

The speakers included:

- Mark Brown, client management director of AON Leeds
- Andrew Huddleston, National crime unit/ National construction and GGRI theft team - Northumbria Police
- Dave Luscombe, CESAR/Police liaison & special projects consultant at The Construction Equipment Association
- Kevin Howells, chief executive & managing director of Datatag ID

The speakers examined common risks, shared prevention measures, and highlighted the importance of insurance, industry security initiatives, and collaboration with law enforcement.

The session can be watched for free here:

https://youtu.be/vNuD1VEU3_s



Mark Brown



Dave Luscombe



Kevin Howells



Andrew Huddleston

IPAF PARTNERS WITH HIRELAND

IPAF is set to become an association partner for Hireland 2026, the Irish access and construction show on March 26th at the National Show Centre, Dublin.

IPAF will exhibit on stand A9, providing visitors with guidance on powered access safety and training within the rental sector. Irish country manager Damien O'Connor will also provide two presentations on IPAF Rental+ and its importance within the industry.